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He suddenly came upon a dusty triple sealed envelope.

CHAPTER I.

SCENE, a village on the eastern shore of Maryland; time, the first decade of the nineteenth century.

John Faversham's clock had stopped! Had the sun, moon and stars ceased to move the phenomenon would hardly have caused more disturbance in the Faversham household.

Be it known at the outset that the Faversham clock was no ordinary timepiece such as ticks its frivolous course with diminutive pendulum and infinitesimal hands in most houses and needs to be wound up every eight days. The Faversham clock was wound up once a month, and it told not only the hours, but also marked with scrupulous exactness the days of the week and month, and at the winding thereof all the family attended, for it was an impressive affair, and when the ceremony was over the old clock looked down from its throne, the landing of the great oaken staircase, in a most awe inspiring manner. For more than a hundred years it had occupied its present station, ticking off the hours of the Favershams from the cradle to the grave.

It would be hard to say who was most inconvenienced by the silence of the old clock. John Faversham, the head of the family, not being reminded of the day of the month, omitted to write an important letter and thereby came near being involved in a lawsuit. Martha Faversham, his wife, spoiled several gallons of pickles by not covering them with spiced vinegar on the

The Faversham Clock

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ninth day, as was her custom. And as for Aunt Mehitable, she forgot that it was Friday and began a piece of needlework which the spinster was sure would come to grief.

But Kitty Faversham, old John's niece and ward, fared worse of all; for how, without the aid of the old clock, was she to tell the flight of the long hours till dusk should bring her trysting time with her lover, Gustave Doricourt, at the bottom of the old fashioned garden, where for fifteen minutes each afternoon, unknown to the rest of the family, they conversed through a crack in the high brick wall?

John Faversham was the first to regain his presence of mind after the great catastrophe.

"It cannot have run down," said old John, standing by the clock on the landing and looking sternly at the three women at the foot of the stairs. "It cannot have run down," he repeated impressively, "for I wound it last week, as you all know."

The three women in one breath hastened to bear testimony to the said winding.

"I hope no one has been tampering with it," said the old man, his face reddening with indignation at the mere fancy. Then, "Katherine!" he glared accusingly.

"Oh, Uncle John, how can you?" gasped the suspected.

"No, John; Kitty wouldn't dare," said Aunt Martha, coming to the rescue, followed by Aunt Mehitable, who

awesomely suggested "mice," of which she stood in great terror.

Suspending judgment on Kitty and ignoring Aunt Mehitable's suggestion, "Something must have broken," proceeded Faversham, "and, much as I regret the necessity, the clock must go to Doricourt's."

"To Doricourt's!" exclaimed the two elder women simultaneously, while Kitty's heart leaped in silence.

To account for John Faversham's regret, Aunt Martha's and Aunt Mehitable's astonishment, it must be recorded that Emile Doricourt, Gustave's uncle, the only clockmaker in the village, was a Frenchman who had fled his country at the time of the terror. On arriving in America and finding it necessary to toil for his bread, instead of painting miniatures or teaching music or dancing, as did many other emigres, he adopted the trade of clockmaker, for which he had an aptitude. In his new home Doricourt had found favor with every one save John Faversham, who had an inherited dislike for all things French and was shocked beyond measure by the discovery that the hereditary antipathy had altogether expired in his niece Kitty.

Although Gustave was American born and spoke English without an accent and was, moreover, the handsomest young man in the village, being Emile Doricourt's nephew, he was in old John's eyes still a Frenchman, and the Faversham aversion remained intact. That Kitty and Gustave, both young



"Are you there, Gustave?"

and of goodly appearance, should fall in love with each other was a possibility that could never have presented itself to Faversham's brain. His wife and sister, who watched the affair from the inception with fear and trembling, had never dared to mention the matter in his hearing. It had remained for Gustave himself to spring the mine by asking John Faversham for his niece's hand in marriage. The young Frenchman, not unaware of Faversham's dislike for his Uncle Emile and all things Gallic, had sought the momentous interview with considerable mental trepidation.

"Mr. Fa-Faversham, I think you may guess why I come to see you," stammered Gustave, kneading his hat with embarrassed fingers.

"Well, I can't," replied the addressed, regarding the young man over his spectacles suspiciously.

"I am very sorry that you cannot. It would have assisted me in breaking the ice in regard to the request I wish to make relating to the future of your niece, Miss Kitty Faversham—a request whose granting would add greatly to our mutual happiness."

With these words of the trembling Gustave an inkling of his meaning reached John Faversham's brain, kindling a flame of wrath which illuminated his ample countenance.

"I have come," continued Gustave

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taking the plunge, "to ask your niece's hand in marriage."

"Sir!" exclaimed John Faversham, and he rose to his feet, expressing such fear compelling negation in that one monosyllable that the trembling suitor, without waiting for its amplification, turned in terror and fled.

It was the recollection of this interview and the attendant circumstances that had caused Aunt Martha and Aunt Mehitabel to cry out in astonishment and Kitty's heart to bound when John Faversham declared that the old clock must go to Doricourt's for repairs.

Faversham was a man of action, and before midafternoon the clock had taken its departure. It required two men to fetch it down the stairs and lift it into the wagon, for it was six feet tall and nearly three feet broad. The neighbors all gazed from the windows, and Aunt Martha and Aunt Mehitabel watched it go with indescribable emotions.

If her aunts viewed the clock's departure with awe, in Kitty's mind a touch of sentiment was superadded to the feeling of wonder. The clock was going to Gustave's house, and Gustave would have most to do in the mending of it, for all the village knew that the young man was much more skillful than his uncle and that the latter, in consequence of advancing age and feebleness, now left the business of the shop largely in Gustave's care.

Kitty longed to send a love note hidden in the old clock to Gustave, but she resisted the temptation for fear of detection and bided the long afternoon till sunset brought the sweetest hour of all the day, the hour of her tryst with her lover.

The dew was beginning to fall, and the breezes of dusk were blowing the scent of the white musk roses across the garden walks, when Kitty glided from the house and stole through the twilight to the frysting nook.

"Are you there, Gustave?" whispered Kitty, pressing her red lips to the crack in the ivied wall.

The crack was two inches wide, but the wall, alas, was over a foot thick and capped with broken glass.

"Yes, mignonette," said Gustave, calling Kitty the French name for little darling and deplored for the hundredth time the depth of the crack as he saw Kitty's blooming lips. "Oh, Kitty, how I want to kiss you!"

"Gustave! Think how shocked Aunt Mehitabel would be to hear you!" said Kitty, with pretended displeasure.

"Aunt Mehitabel be hanged! It's you that I want to kiss."

"Gustave, weren't you surprised to see the big clock arrive at your uncle's door?" asked Kitty, changing the subject.

"Surprised? I should think so. But, Kitty, mignon, do you know I have a feeling that the old clock is going to bring us luck?"

"Really, Gustave?"

"Truly, Kitty. But can you guess the first thought that came into my head?"

"Was it something about me?"

"In a way, yes, cherie, for you are always in my mind. But this time I thought: 'Old clock, you are in my power. I have half a mind to revenge myself on you for ticking off the moments so fast when I visited Kitty.'"

"Oh, what a happy time that was!" said the girl, with a sigh that blended with the perfume of the roses and myrtles and filled Gustave with the most delightful misery.

"Kitty, Kitty, I must kiss you if I have to climb the wall."

"Don't, don't, Gustave; you'll cut yourself on the glass," exclaimed the frightened girl. "And if you didn't, just suppose my uncle should catch you!"

Kitty's concluding clause restrained her lover's ardor, for the mention of John Faversham never failed to pro-

duce a chilling effect upon Gustave.

"There, you may kiss my finger," resumed Kitty, extending her rosy tipped forefinger through the crack, but with which in spite of painful nasal compression Gustave's lips failed to connect by just a quarter of an inch.

"Kitty, I could die for you!" exclaimed the tantalized young man, sputtering forth a lump of crumbling wall and a live spider.

The girl wiped the cobwebs from the unkissed finger with her cambric kerchief.

"Gustave!"

"What, darling?"

"Gustave, if you are really as brave as you say, why did you leave my uncle that dreadful day before he had given you an answer?"

"Kitty, I"—

"Hush, Gustave, and listen. I know it might not have been agreeable for a few minutes, but you have very nice manners and can be quite pleasing when you try—even Aunt Mehitabel admits that—and if you had waited and given my uncle soft answers till he had gotten over his passion he might—he might have relented and come over in the end."

"Never, Kitty; he would never have done so. You were not present and do not know how violent he was. When he rose from his chair and thundered at me I left immediately, because I saw that if I remained we might come to blows. If we had fought I might have killed your uncle, and then we should have been worse off than we now are. Could you have married me with your uncle's blood on my hands?"

"Oh, Gustave, stop," said Kitty, shuddering. "You make my flesh creep."

Kitty, in her heart, had never thought that her lover was a coward. Though he was only of medium height and, moreover, quite slender, he had proved his courage on several occasions in fisticuff encounters in the village. And once he had rescued a young lad from drowning in the mill pond. The boy had clung to Gustave's neck in such a manner as almost to bring his preserver to a watery grave. Kitty had several times tried to muster courage to refresh her uncle's mind in regard to her lover's brave conduct, but her heart had failed her.

After Kitty's last speech Gustave breathed a deep sigh.

"Kitty, dear, your uncle thinks I am not good enough to marry you because I make and mend clocks, and he hates my uncle and me because we are French. But, Kitty, you do not know my lineage. I belong to the 'haute noblesse.' I am a French count."

"You a count, Gustave! And a member of the French nobility!" exclaimed Kitty, stricken with awe.

"Yes," said Gustave proudly.

"Oh, Gustave," said Kitty in delight, "when Uncle John knows it he will no longer object to our marriage. Why did you not tell me of it before?"

"It will not make any difference with your uncle, and I have not told you because, in the first place, I learned it but recently myself, and, in the second place, my Uncle Emile desires it to be kept a secret."

"Secret or not, Gustave, my uncle must be told. It is true he dislikes Frenchmen, but there is much difference between an everyday Frenchman and a French nobleman, and when Uncle John is made acquainted with the fact that you are a real, sure enough count, our troubles will be over."

"Mignon, he knows it already," said Gustave sadly.

"Who told him?" asked Kitty in amazement.

"Uncle Emile. When I left your house on the day of that dreadful interview I was so distressed in mind that I went to my uncle and told him all."

"What did he say?"

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should die of fright."

"You would not be frightened with me."

"N-no, but I should have to leave the house alone."

"Perhaps not."

"What are you scheming to do, Gustave? You must not break in the house. My uncle might shoot you for a burglar."

"None of your fears will be fulfilled, mignon. Love will find the way. I may come down in the garden at night in a balloon or I may rise out of the earth like a gnome, and when I do I shall surely carry you off to be married unless you scream."

"Gustave, I shall be dreadfully frightened, but I shall not scream."

Emile Doricourt, as has been stated, had been too feeble and blind for his labor to be of much avail in his adopted craft. Gustave was the active spirit in the little shop. But the young man strove by calling frequently for his uncle's advice to convince the old man that nothing could succeed without his supervision, when in reality Gustave always followed his own counsel, to the greater satisfaction of the customers and the increased prosperity of the establishment.

The arrival of the Faversham clock set the old man's body and mind both in a flutter. The circumstance of its great size or the fact of its being the property of John Faversham would, either of them, have excited unusual interest, and the two combined caused Emile Doricourt to hover about Gustave with unwanted anxiety.

"We must use our utmost skill, because it is the clock of our enemy. 'Noblesse oblige,' Gustave, 'noblesse oblige,'" said the old Frenchman, inadvertently standing in his nephew's light.

"Yes, uncle," replied the young man, listening with but half an ear.

Gustave intended to do his best, not because the immense timepiece was John Faversham's, but because, in a way, it belonged to Kitty, or might become hers some day.

"Perhaps it is the great spring which is broken," continued the old man, looking over Gustave's shoulder. "It often breaks in old clocks, one knows not why."

"It is not the mainspring," replied Gustave. "The works must all be taken apart, as you thought at first, Uncle Emile."

"Did I think so? I had forgotten; I

am so old. No doubt I was right. But it will take no little time, and as I am not immediately needed I will go gather the salad for dinner."

Well pleased to be left alone with his thoughts, Gustave continued his work, humming as he toiled a quaint old song of the Provencal trouveres.

Kitty's fear of her uncle had made her extremely timid, and Gustave hesitated to ask her to meet him outside. If he did so his design might never be effected. And when he had spoken of coming down in a balloon or rising from the ground like a gnome and carrying off Kitty to be his bride, while he spoke figuratively, there was still a substantial substratum of truth in his language.

With his fancy as busy as his fingers Gustave had now removed the intricate mechanism of wheels and springs from the case and placed them upon the big table by the largest window. Bit by bit he took the works apart, and to his surprise found nothing broken. All needed cleaning, and at first the young man deemed that the cause of the stoppage. But, pursuing his investigation, he suddenly came upon a dusty triple sealed envelope, yellowed by age, which had evidently been concealed in the case of the clock, and, becoming dislodged, possibly by a mouse, had fallen among the wheels and hindered further motion.

Blowing the dust from the envelope, Gustave put it in his pocket to be returned to John Faversham with the clock.

Happy to find that so little was the matter, he set to work a-cleaning, and, whistling as he toiled, his mind reverted to the problem of entering the Faversham mansion unperceived.

With the consciousness that the clock would be in order sooner than he had expected, another thought came, and his eyes brightened. Perhaps at the time of its return in the excitement caused by the arrival of the valued heirloom Kitty might hide him in the house till darkness should come and enable them to leave the house together unnoticed.

Alas, a moment's thought revealed the impossibility of this scheme. To carry it out, besides tricking John Faversham's watchful eyes, he must needs take into his confidence the men who accompanied him to lift the clock from the wagon to its place on the stair, else they might not drive away without him.

He could devise no plan for entering the Faversham mansion that seemed more practicable than the mine or balloon method of which he had spoken in jest to Kitty.

In his deep dejection a scheme of the utmost audacity flashed through his brain like a rocket in the darkness. The next moment he sprang to his feet and began to laugh and sing, while the blood that bounded from his heart seemed full of sparks, for it set every part of his body tingling with delight.

"Love has found a way!" he cried, dancing about the room on the tips of his toes like a ballerina at the opera. "Kitty shall be mine in spite of all the world."

Gustave kept up these extravagant demonstrations of glee till he was quite out of breath, and would not then have ceased them had he not spied through the window his Uncle Emile returning from the garden. In

reply to the old man's inquiry Gustave, busily engaged at his work, answered over his shoulder that the clock would be completed next day.

"Ah, it is a grand clock!" exclaimed Emile Doricourt. "There is room enough in it to hang a suit of armor." And the old man went on to tell of the curious coats of mail and feudal weapons he had seen in his native land. But Gustave did not listen, for he was

thinking of Kitty Faversham. He worked at the clock all day till dusk, when he went to keep his tryst with his sweetheart in the gayest of humors.

"Mignon, I have a secret," said the young fellow gleefully through the crack.

"What is it, Gustave?" asked Kitty curiously.

"I am coming for you very soon."

"When and how are you coming?"

"Ah, that is the secret," said Gustave gayly. And in spite of every entreaty he vouchsafed no more.

The next afternoon Gustave announced to his Uncle Emile that the clock was in perfect order and nothing remained but to start it going. Then he went out to engage the men to convey it to its destination.

"When you have taken the clock to the house and put it in its place say to Mr. Faversham that I could not come with you this afternoon because I have business in another part of the village, but that I shall arrive in the morning with the keys and start the clock to running."

So saying, Gustave hurried home and took his stand by a window where he could view the approach of the men some minutes before they reached the shop. When he saw them coming he said to his uncle:

"The clock is large and the wagon is small, Uncle Emile. Had I not best walk on and meet it at Mr. Faversham's?"

"Perhaps you had, Gustave."

"So I told the men," said the young fellow mendaciously.

And to complete his duplicity, having thus arranged that his disappearance would excite no comment, he shut the door loudly as if he had made his exit into the street, but instead of doing so he slipped slyly into the shop, at that moment vacant, and concealed himself in the Faversham clock and locked the case on the inside.

CHAPTER II.

KITTY'S last meeting with her lover had set her mind in a hubbub. It was very provoking of Gustave not to tell her more of his plan. As if it were impossible for her to keep a secret! She would give him a bit of her mind when he brought back the clock, and if it were not returned that day she resolved to read him a lecture through the crack in the wall at dusk.

It would not have been so exasperating had there been any one in the house that she could have confided in, for then it would have been charming to talk it all over and wonder in a thousand phrases how Gustave could possibly carry out his delightfully dreadful design. As matters were, however, Kitty had never passed so horrible a day.

By noon she could contain herself no longer, and sought the company of Aunt Mehitable with the purpose of obtaining—of course in an entirely impersonal way—that spinster's opinion on the subject of elopements.

Miss Faversham was struggling patiently with the unlucky piece of needlework, a bit of embroidery destined to cover a pincushion, and every time she broke her needle or knotted her silk she attributed the accident to the fact that her labor had begun on a Friday.

"Aunt Hitty," began Kitty cautiously, "did you ever know a girl who eloped—ran away with her lover?"

"Yes, Kitty; I have known several young women before they eloped, but never afterward," replied Miss Mehitable severely.

"Is it a dreadful thing to do?" continued Kitty.

"Very dreadful," said Miss Mehitable, threading her needle. "No well conducted girl ever does it. It is far worse than kissing. It is more permanent, you know."

"But, Aunt Hitty," said the girl, "suppose one loves a worthy young man who has the esteem of every one but her relatives, who will not give their consent to the marriage, would it be wrong for her to elope with him? I have heard Uncle John speak of justifiable homicide and killing in self defense. Is there—is there not such a thing as a justifiable elopement?"

Kitty looked very serious, and Aunt Mehitable, with equal solemnity, rubbed her nose with her thimble a moment and replied:

"I don't know, my dear. There might be such a case. Perhaps if a girl eloped to escape starvation or murder she might be said to do it in self defense, and in that case her elopement would be justifiable, but I don't remember to have heard or read of such an instance."

Having extracted Aunt Mehitable's ideas on the troubled question without arousing her suspicion, Kitty did not derive much solace from them. Yet she was not diverted from her romantic intention. If she did not wed Gustave she would never marry, for with the perfect foreknowledge of youth she was sure she should never love again. And if she did not marry she would in time become a spinster like Aunt Mehitable, who when she was young had been plump and pretty, so the old people declared, and much like Kitty, who was Aunt Mehitable's height and wore the same number of shoes and gloves.

After dinner, as the hour approached when she might look for Gustave to return the clock, Kitty waxed almost feverish with expectancy. It would be the first time that Gustave had entered the presence of her uncle since the dreadful interview, and she wondered how the two men would act at the meeting. When her uncle saw how well Gustave had done his task, who could tell but that the old man in his pleasure at the return of the cherished timepiece and satisfaction at the skillful work, might not treat Gustave quite civilly? And, having relented so far, might it not be possible, if Gustave was duly polite and respectful, that John Faversham would be reconciled and give them his blessing?

But meantime the sun had almost set, and Gustave had not arrived with the clock. It was possible, she thought, that the work was not completed, and Gustave would expect her at their trysting place. So it came to pass that when the shadows had grown very long Kitty, feeling that she could not wait till next day to give her lover the lecture which he deserved and learn more of the wonderful secret, quietly left the house and glided through the garden and orchard to the crack in the ivy wall.

"Gustave, Gustave!" she called, but received no answer. She was a little early, and doubtless Gustave would arrive in a few moments. She continued to wait, and she must have been there quite an hour when she heard an unusual noise in the direction of the house. Supposing that Gustave had at last come with the clock, she hurried back through the darkness. As she entered the door the excited voices that had reached her on the way ceased.

Disappointed in her hope to enter the house unnoticed, she read in the troubled glances which greeted her that something extraordinary had just occurred:

"Oh, Kitty!" gasped her two aunts. "Katherine, where have you been?" said her uncle sternly.

"In the garden," replied Kitty, wild with curiosity.

"Girl, have you seen any one?" continued John Faversham, frowning.

Aunt Martha and Aunt Mehitable listened with suppressed excitement.

"Whom should I see?" asked Kitty.

"Katherine, don't equivocate!" stormed Faversham.

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"Husband," interposed Aunt Martha, "Kitty could not have seen him, for the man did not fly toward the garden."

"No, John; he did not leave the house," said Aunt Mehitable tremulously.

"I thought that you said he ran down the stairs," ejaculated her brother impatiently.

"Oh, dear, I am all unstrung!" said Aunt Mehitable hysterically.

"Brace up, Mehitable," said Aunt Martha, "and tell us how it was."

Thus entreated, the spinster told her story more intelligibly, and Kitty listened with a suspicion that grew like a grain of mustard seed.

"It was almost night," said Aunt Hitty, "and getting too dark to sew, so I thought I would go to my room and put my embroidery away and get my knitting, at which I can work without seeing. You know, Martha, I keep my knitting for the twilight, for my eyes are not so strong as they used to be."

"Yes, yes; go on," said her brother.

"Oh, John, spare me! I'm all of a jump."

"Let her tell it her own way, husband."

"I went up and got the knitting," resumed Miss Mehitable, "and, coming down, I had just passed the landing when I heard a step behind me. I turned my head to see who it was, and a man caught me in his arms and whispered, 'Darling, I've come!' I screamed, and the man rushed back up the stair, and I ran down."

When Aunt Mehitable finished, Kitty turned pale.

With a suspicious glance at the girl John Faversham exclaimed:

"If he ran upstairs, the villain is still in the house, Mehitable, for no one has descended since you screamed. Only let me find him!" said old John, clinching his teeth and gesticulating with the derringer which he held in his right hand. In his left he carried a long dirk. "Come, Katherine, bring the candle."

Kitty was terror stricken. She was sure that the man was Gustave, who in the dark had mistaken Aunt Mehitable for her. Seeing the clock on the landing, she supposed that her lover had brought the timepiece back during her absence and afterward, instead of returning home, had secreted himself in the house with the intention of making his presence known to her in the way of a happy surprise at the first convenient moment. But, alas, front and back entrances both locked and barred, the young man was as securely caught as a rat in a trap.

Would it not be best to confess everything to her uncle? To do so might only add fuel to his wrath. She knew what she would do. She would obey her uncle, but her eyes were keener than his, and as soon as she spied Gustave she would blow out the candle. Then rushing downstairs she would extinguish all the lights below and hide the matches, and in the confusion and darkness she would undo the door and let Gustave escape.

"Katherine," roared her uncle, "why do you tarry?"

After this stormy remonstrance the search party proceeded upstairs without further delay. John Faversham, armed with dirk and derringer, headed the procession. Close at his elbow came Kitty, bearing the candle and in her fright scattering melted wax at every trembling step upon the old oaken

stair. Aunt Martha followed, fat, wheezy and panting, while poor Aunt Mehitable, afraid to remain alone below, timorously brought up the rear.

From room to room they went, looking carefully in every corner and closet and peeping under every bed. When they arrived at the garret John Faversham even looked from the dormer windows out upon the roof, if perchance Aunt Mehitable's amorous assailant were lurking there. But, no; he could nowhere be found, and after searching twice in every place and lifting the lids of all the trunks and boxes they descended the stair, Aunt Mehitable huddling closely to Aunt Martha's ample side till they reached the lowest hall.

"This is most extraordinary!" exclaimed John Faversham, laying down his derringer to wipe his perspiring



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brow with an immense red silk kerchief which he drew from the tail of his long coat.

When John Faversham spoke again he voiced the suspicion of three of the party.

"Mehitable, you were dreaming. It is my belief that nobody kissed you."

Miss Mehitable put her kerchief to her eyes and replied plaintively:

"Brother, a body might be mistaken about a small thing like sewing on a button or taking a dose of medicine, but a rare occurrence like being kissed, and by a man—why, brother, I never was kissed before!"

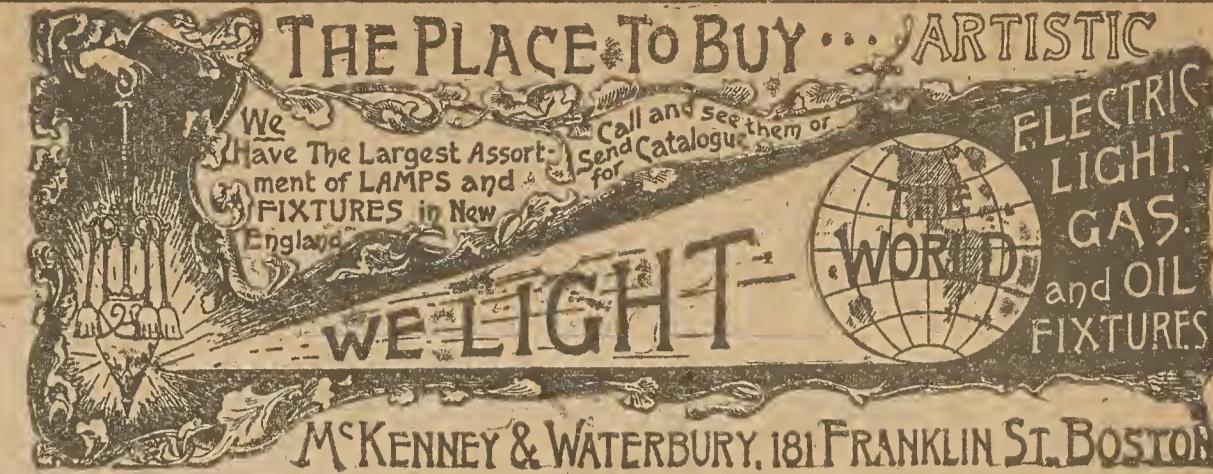
"Mehitable! What?"

"Well, brother," modified the spinner, "not in twenty-five years."

"Stuff!" snorted John Faversham in disgust. "If you were not deceived, where is the man who kissed you tonight? Produce him, I say; produce him. We have searched every nook and cranny, and had there been a man in the house we would have found him. Men do not evaporate like gum camphor. Mehitable, you are a fool."

So saying, he indignantly marched off to bed, leaving his sister, dissolved in tears, to be consoled by Aunt Martha.

It was long past bedtime before the house became quiet. Meanwhile Kitty had learned from Aunt Martha that Gustave had not accompanied the clock on its return; consequently the girl was as much at a loss to account for the recent strange occurrence as the rest of the household. In spite of her uncle's angry ridicule there was some-



thing in poor Aunt Mehitable's adventure that appeared to Kitty to savor of the uncanny. She lingered below as long as she could, but when the others had all retired there was no excuse for staying longer. So finally mustering courage, she lighted her candle and started upstairs.

Just as she reached the first landing the old clock creaked and at the same time its door gave a most singular shudder, which communicated itself to Kitty's excited nerves by a kind of telegraph contagion. The next instant the clock opened, and Kitty, with a half smothered scream, dropped the candle, leaving the staircase in Cimmerian darkness.

"Gustave!"

"Hush, mignon!"

Kitty, weak from fright, sank down on the stair, and Gustave took his seat in the gloom beside her.

"I said I should come for you, and here I am."

"Oh, Gustave, I am so frightened," said Kitty, still gasping.

"Not half as much as I. Did you notice that my locks were gray?"

"Don't be flippant, Gustave, at a serious moment," said Kitty severely. "How could you put the house in such a turmoil? Suppose my uncle had found you. He might have killed you."

"If he had, I should have died on the threshold of time, by the clock. But, Kitty, the worst is over now; the house is quiet and every one gone to bed. I have arranged everything. Nothing remains but to take my little betrothed away and marry her," said Gustave tenderly.

"Who? Aunt Mehitable?" asked Kitty roguishly.

"Mignon," said Gustave reproachfully, "how can you jest after the fearful danger we have just escaped?"

"We?" echoed Kitty. "Put it in the singular number, if you please. I have been in no danger. Nor is 'escaped' the right word for you. 'Postponed' would better fit the situation. Gustave, you are in a desperate position. It is impossible for any one to leave the house till morning, for Uncle John has locked both doors and taken the keys, and the lower windows are all grated. Even if I had consented to this wild scheme of running away, it would be impossible to carry it out tonight. Had you told me your silly secret, as I implored you yesterday, I might have arranged matters much better."

"Consented! Wild scheme?" Kitty, this is base!"

"Base, am I?" flashed Kitty in the dark. "Good night, Mr. Doricourt. I hope you will rest well on the stairs till my uncle finds you in the morning. If you have any last words for your Uncle Emile, you would better tell them to me before I go to my room."

"Come, mignonette," said Gustave persuasively, "you will not renounce your lover now. I have a way of escape for both of us. I have brought a rope ladder."

Kitty had intended all along to go and only wished to be coaxed. So, in less time than it takes to narrate it, the two were standing at an upper window where there was no grating, and Gustave was making fast the rope ladder to a piece of furniture, prepara-

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No. 2.

December 27, 1905

The following are extracts from the last circular. A new circular is now in press, sent free upon application:

Our Mailing List.—We are revising our mailing list of ten thousand names. Write at once if you want your name added.

We ask our readers to refrain from sending subscriptions to the *Collector* until such time as they are requested.

The simple statement that the *Collector* would be revived as a weekly by Mr. Mekeel after the completion of the liquidation of the corporation, has brought a flood of subscriptions and letters.

Kind words are appreciated and we recognize the fact that the *Collector* has lots of friends, but its publication must always occupy a secondary place in relation to more important affairs.

U. S. Revenues, Uncut and Uncancelled.

1898, \$1.00 dark green.....	.20
1900, 1.00 carmine.....	.50
1900, 1.00 gray and black.....	.30
Uncut, Very Slightly Cancelled.	
1899, \$1.00 brown and black.....	.75
1899, 500.00 carmine lake and black (superb)	50.00

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A Good Movement.—Work has been commenced by the National Stamp Committee representing the philatelists of America in an endeavor to increase the interest in stamp collecting throughout the country.

A literary bureau has been established to see that intelligently written matter of general interest pertaining to stamp collecting is supplied to the leading newspapers.

This policy has been successfully followed abroad, especially in England, and great benefit to philately has resulted.

Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, President of the Boston Philatelic Society, is at the head of the organization.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter, 12 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass., is the Treasurer, to whom contributions should be sent.

Salvador Provisionals.—Crude-provisional issues occurred early this year in Salvador, some of which became obsolete before they were known to stamp collectors and all of which will be rare.

The publishers of 65th edition catalogue are usually pretty well informed about this country, but they only got five of the following sixteen varieties, which we have received on mail from this country.

Some of the lithographed series of 1900 with anchor in black were bought into use with the date surcharged. The 5c, bright blue imperforate which was not catalogued evidently having been printed for the purpose. All are rare and we advise those who collect Salvador to secure copies while they are to be had. We have priced those that we can supply. Chronicle is as follows:

(A) Surcharged in blue at top. Used On 3c grey black (No. 272)..... \$1.00 On 5c dull blue (No. 273).....

On 5c bright blue..... (B)

Surcharged in blue at top. On 3c gray black (No. 272)..... \$1.00 On 5c dull blue (No. 273).....

On 5c bright blue (dull and bright shades)..... .25

On 5c bright blue, imperforate..... 1.00

Surcharged in blue vertically. On 5c bright blue..... (C)

Surcharged in blue at top. On 5c bright blue (dark and light shades)..... .75

On 5c bright blue imperforate.

Regular engraved type of 1903 surcharged with new values.

UN CENTAVO.
Cat. No. 300, 1c on 2c carmine, black surcharge..... 10

Cat. No. 301, 1c on 2c carmine, blue surcharge..... 20

This last variety is surcharged in strips of four stamps, each differing slightly in the lettering and size of the numeral, of which there is four on each stamp.

Strip of four varieties, unused..... .50

5 CENTAVOS.

302, 5c on 12c slate, red surcharge..... .15

303, 5c on 12c slate, red surcharge.....

The last stamp is surcharged with two large numerals.

304, 6c on 12c slate, red surcharge... 6c on 12c slate, blue surcharge... .80

The last two are surcharged with four numerals, and the word centavos in the same position as No. 301. Of the unpriced varieties above we have one or two copies for sale.

Space Fillers.—Proofs of rare U. S. Department Stamps (gummed and perforated) are sometimes bought by collectors who cannot afford the originals. We have in a collection just purchased, the following:

State Dept., \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, set of four..... \$5.00

Justice Dept., 24c..... 1.00

Justice Dept., 90c..... 2.50

Agriculture Dept., 15c..... .75

Agriculture Dept., 30c..... 1.00

U. S. Revenue, \$1.00 Proprietary..... 2.25

U. S. 1851, 1c type I, Cat. #100, imperf..... 5.00

U. S. 1869, 90c Lincoln..... 5.00

Also sundry other departments, Dues and periodical stamps.

Orders less than \$1.00 from this list should always be accompanied by a stamped and addressed return envelope. We pay postage on orders of \$1.00 and over and register free when \$5.00 and more. (*) indicates stamp unused and in mint condition.

Bahamas 1902, 5 sh violet and blue... .75

Canal Zone 1904, 10c yellow, very rare. 2.25

Corea 1900, 1 wnr rose black and blue, scarce..... 1.25

Great Britain, 1902-2 10 sh, ultramarine..... 45

Great Britain 1902-2, £1, green..... .95

Hawaii 1882, 15c red brown..... 1.00

Hawaii 1882-6, 50c red..... 3.75

Uruguay 1897, 3 pesos, violet and carmine..... .75

Victoria unpaid 1895, 5 sh gn and red..... .95

Zanzibar 1896, 3 4 & 5 rupees lightly cancelled..... 2.25

*U. S. 1880, 1c buff (type I, 1869)..... .75

*Canada 1898, 6c brown, scarce..... .18

*Canal Zone 1904, 10c brown..... .40

*Chili 1900, 20c gray, Gibbons \$2.50, Scott \$2.00..... .50

*Niger Coast 1892, 1-2 p. on half of 1p. catalogue \$10.00, pair uncut..... 3.00

*Panama Reg. 20c on 10c red, No. 306, rare..... 1.75

*Porto Rico 1890, 6m, dark brown, No. 79..... 1.25

*St. Vincent 1885-91, 1p on 2 1-2 p. lake, No. 51..... 1.00

*Transvaal 1877, 3p lilac, No. 31, Cat. \$20..... 6.75

*Tuscan 1869, 80c, pale red brown, No. 29, Cat. \$30.00..... 9.50

MEXICO.

Net price used or unused.

1879 Thick Paper.

" 5c, orange..... \$0.03

" 10c blue..... .02

" 25c rose..... .04

" 50c green..... .18

" 85c violet..... .25

" 100c black..... .25

1882 Very Thin Paper.

" 1c brown..... .12

" 2c purple..... .12

" 2c slate..... .25

" 5c orange..... .05

" 10c blue..... .08

" 25c rose..... .50

" 50c green..... .50

" 85c violet (*)..... .35

" 100c black..... .60

Two following varieties prepared but not issued, not errors.

" 10c brown (*)..... .05

" 25c red brown (*)..... .12

1882-83

" 2c green (numeral)..... .08

" 3c carmine (numeral)..... .05

" 6c blue (numeral)..... .05

" 12c brown..... .04

" 18c orange brown..... .06

" 24c purple..... .06

Above set of 24 stamps catalogue \$12.64 in Scott's catalogue. We will supply the lot for \$3.50.

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The number 5382 on a stamp means that it was issued at Acapulco in 1882.

1883 6c blue (numerical) unperforated and in pair (*)..... \$2.00

1884 Error.

" 1c blue (in color of pesos) (*)..... \$5.00

1884 unperforated varieties

" 1c green, pair (*)..... .20

" 4c green, single (*)..... .50

" 10c green, pair (*)..... .50

" 50c green, pair cancelled..... .70

1885 perforated 12

" 4c red orange..... .35

" 12c brown..... .35

" 25c blue..... .75

1885 perforated, 11, scarce variety

" 10c orange..... .50

1886 no watermark, perforated, 12

Unused. Used.

" 1c blue green..... .02

" 1c yellow green..... .03

" 2c carmine..... .03

" 4c orange..... .05

" 5c ultramarine..... .05

" 10c lilac..... .02

" 12c lilac..... .10

" 20c lilac..... .25

" 25c lilac..... .75

1887 no watermark, perforated, 12

" 3c scarlet..... .05

" 4c scarlet..... .10

" 6c scarlet..... .25

" 10c scarlet..... .15

" 20c scarlet..... .75

" 25c scarlet Scott's 50c, Gibbons 36c..... .10

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*Hayti, 1898, 3¢ violet	1.00
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tory to an immediate descent.

When it was quite secure the young fellow went down first to hold the ladder steady for Kitty's passage, and all went well till the girl had nearly reached the ground. Then Gustave overzealously pulled so strongly upon the ropes that he overturned the object above to which the ladder was attached, and, falling, it shattered the window sash with a terrible clatter.

Fortunately the remaining distance was slight, and Kitty escaped unhurt, but greatly frightened.

"Gustave, we are lost!" sobbed Kitty. "The house will be roused, and my Uncle John will overtake us."

"Courage, mignon! Once over the garden wall and we are safe."

The case seemed desperate, but with her hand in his he hurried her across the garden in the direction of the street. There was no moon, but the stars were shining, and just before they got to the wall Gustave saw a tall stepladder, which the gardener used in gathering fruit.

"God bless old Ben!" exclaimed the young man as he placed it against the wall. Taking off his coat and laying it atop of the wall to protect Kitty from the broken glass, he soon had her safely in the street.

Meanwhile upon their noisy exit from the window had ensued the natural result. The clatter of the falling bookcase—for such it was to which Gustave had fastened the rope ladder—brought from Aunt Mehitable's overwrought nerves a piercing scream, and both together caused Aunt Martha to jump from her pillow and startled John Faversham into a state to which stormy language afforded little relief. Lights were seen moving rapidly about the house, and it was clear to Gustave that as soon as Kitty was found missing and the rope ladder discovered, John Faversham would give chase. If he hoped to outwit Kitty's uncle the knot must be tied without delay.

Once they were married, he felt sure that John Faversham would own his defeat and if he did not forgive would at least leave them in peace. So he hurried Kitty to the house of his friend, Silas Parham, judge of probate.

No sooner had the jolly old bachelor pronounced Gustave and Kitty one in the presence of Mrs. Morton, his housekeeper, and saluted the bride than Faversham burst into the room in a towering rage.

"Katherine Faversham, you worthless jade, come home!"

"Katherine Doricourt," corrected the judge. "John Faversham, you are too late; the birds are mated." And then he broke into a guffaw.

Kitty fell on her knees at her uncle's feet and prayed his forgiveness, but old John turned without looking at her and left the place.

However, he did not remain unrelenting. Next day Gustave sent him the triple sealed envelope which he had found in the old heirloom, and, the said document proving to be a long lost deed to a valuable tract of land in Talbot county which had lapsed from the family in the last generation by reason of the deed's disappearance, John Faversham was so overjoyed at its recovery that he sent for Kitty and Gustave to be forgiven and also to start the Faversham clock, whose brief silence had caused so much disturbance.

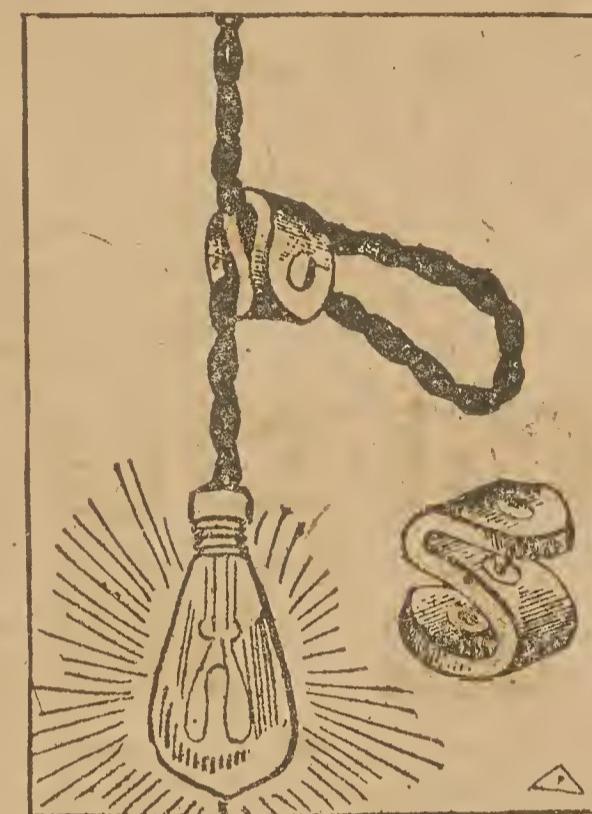
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ADJUSTER ON AND OFF.

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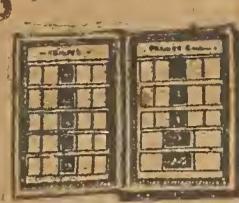
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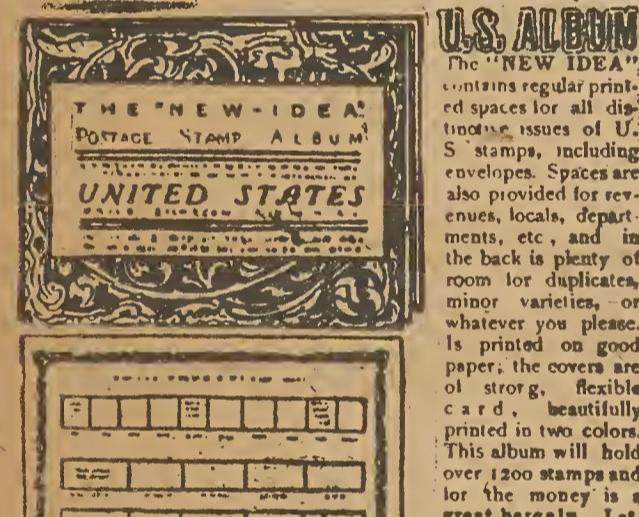
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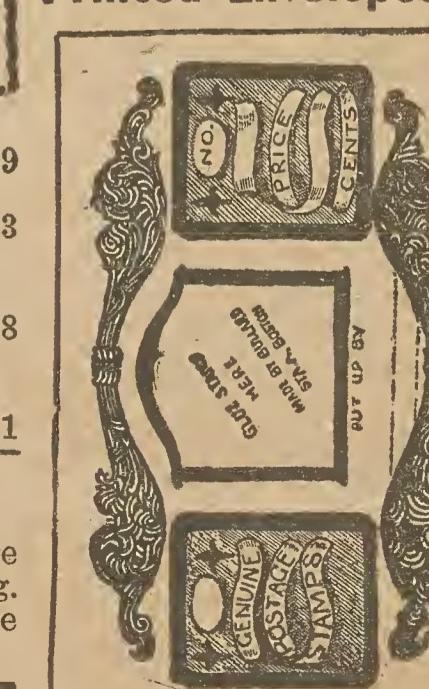
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